

U. S. Seeks Name Of Inventer Of Famous 'Mormon Derrick'

Haying Aide Believed Discovery Of Utah Pioneers

Utah's most common hay derrick might have a history, it was disclosed today by a federal government bureau query.

A letter sent to the Church Historian's Office by the bureau of agricultural engineering of the United States Department of Agriculture sought the name of the inventor of the derrick, indicating there might be more to the story than two poles and a cable.

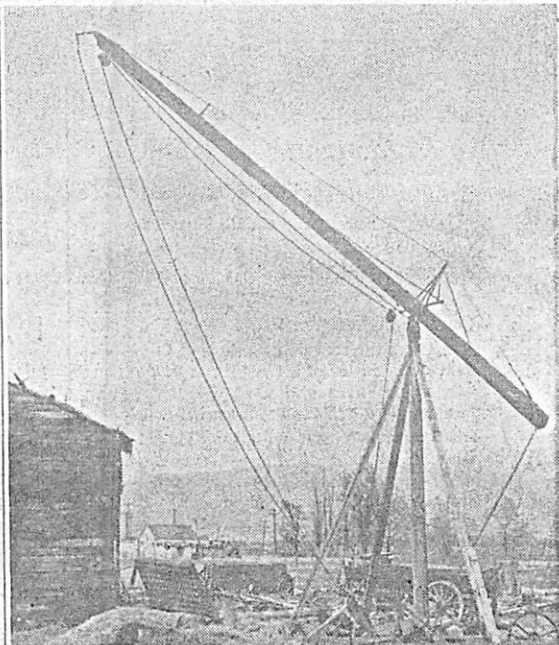
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The query stated that the bureau was soon to publish a circular on the history and development of haying machinery and would like to include some authentic history of the hay derrick so common in Utah, and which when used outside of Utah is "often referred to as 'the Mormon derrick'."

B. M. Dieffenbach, agricultural engineer of the USAC at Logan, Utah, who addressed the query to the Church Historian's Office, wrote:

"According to some of the older residents here, this type of derrick has been used in this state for over 50 years. I have not been able to find anyone, however, who knew who invented it, or when it was invented.

"Perhaps your Church history might mention the early history of this derrick, as it was apparently first made and used by Pioneers in Utah."



The history of this "Mormon derrick" is being sought by a federal government bureau for inclusion in a booklet on haying machinery.

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